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Florida Atlantic University Professor Elected President of the Acoustical Society of America

Melville, NY (7 October 2009) – George V. Frisk, Professor of Ocean and Mechanical Engineering and Associate Director of Florida Atlantic University's SeaTech Campus in Dania Beach, has been elected President of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA). Dr. Frisk began a one-year term as President-Elect in May 2009, after which he will succeed the current President.

“I am deeply honored to be President-Elect of the Acoustical Society of America and look forward to leading the Society through these challenging economic times and during this exciting era of electronic publishing,” says Frisk, who previously served as Vice President of the ASA in 2007-2008.

As Chair of the National Research Council panel that produced the 2003 report *Ocean Noise and Marine Mammals* (The National Academies Press, Washington, DC, 2003), Frisk led a team of experts investigating the effects of noise in the sea, both manmade and natural, on marine mammal behavior and hearing, as well as its impact on their navigation and communication. His own body of research, which includes 82 scientific publications, focuses on acoustic propagation, reflection, and scattering in the ocean and seafloor; acoustic surface waves; scattering theory of waves; computational physics; inverse methods; seismo-acoustic ambient noise; Arctic acoustics; and the relationship between global economic trends and ambient noise levels.

Frisk obtained a B.A. in physics from the University of Rochester in 1967, a Sc.M. in physics from Brown University in 1969, and a Ph.D. with Distinction in physics from the Catholic University of America in 1975. From 1968 to 1977, he worked in the Acoustics Division of the Naval Research Laboratory as a Physicist. Before joining Florida Atlantic University in 2004, Frisk was a member of the Scientific Staff at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) in Massachusetts, where he wrote the textbook *Ocean and Seabed Acoustics: A Theory of Wave Propagation* (Pearson Education, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1994). He served as Chair of the Department of Applied Ocean Physics and Engineering from 1992-1997 and continues his relationship with WHOI as a Scientist Emeritus.

Dr. Frisk is a Fellow of the ASA and recipient of the Office of Naval Research Ocean Science Educator Award (1992). He served as Chair of the ASA Technical Committee on Underwater Acoustics (2000-03) and has been a Member of the ASA's Executive Council since 2003.

ABOUT THE ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Acoustical Society of America (ASA) is the premier international scientific society in acoustics devoted to the science of technology of sound. Its 7,500 members worldwide represent a broad spectrum of the study of acoustics. ASA publications include *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*—the world's leading journal on acoustics), *Acoustics Today* magazine, books and standards on acoustics. The Society also holds two major scientific meetings each year. For more information about the ASA, visit our website at <http://asa.aip.org>.

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NOTE TO LOCAL EDITORS: Dr. Frisk works in Dania Beach, FL and lives in Hollywood, FL during the academic year. He works in Woods Hole, MA and lives in Falmouth, MA during the summer.